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Dear Mr. Schoepf:

Re: Utica Area Sites

In partial response to your letter to me dated March 5, 1992, I have discussed your thought of site aggregation and National Priorities List (NPL) review for Niagara Mohawk Harbor Point, Utica Harbor, Mohawk Valley Oil and NY Emulsions sites, with our Division management and counsel.

The response is, that an NPL nomination for the Niagara Mohawk Harbor Point site would not be in the best interests of the State at this time. We are conducting very serious negotiations relative to long term remedial efforts with Niagara Mohawk and an NPL nomination would be considered counter-productive.

Please call me if there are any further questions.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Demick, P.E.

Chief

Western Investigation Section Bureau of Hazardous Site Control Division of Hazardous Waste

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